

Subject: Re: Dumped Biohazard In West Hills
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On Mon, Apr 20, 2020 at 3:16 PM Colin Crews <colin.crews@lacity.org> wrote:
Sarah,

Can Sanitation take care of this? Bag of urine from a catheter. the south side of the 23700 block of Roscoe Blvd., between March Ave. and Valley Circle Blvd., across the street from the Carousel Dance Studio.

Thank you.
Colin

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Hi Ron and Colin -

I know you are busy with Covid 19 issues within CD12, but I wondered if you could refer this issue to the proper agency, to hopefully get it handled quickly.

Saturday evening (this past weekend), I discovered a full bag of urine from a catheterized person, had been left on the sidewalk. (It hadn't been there the evening before, when I walked by, so it hadn't been there for too long.) When I discovered it, I wasn't prepared to remove it myself, and I don't feel comfortable with going back and removing it, even with gloves on. In addition to touching the bag, there is the issue of how to dispose of it... it shouldn't just be placed in a trash can, and I don't want to transport and then empty the bag into a toilet in my home.

I tried searching the Sanitation Department website, but didn't find anything pertaining to getting biohazards removed. I have had good luck getting things done when I send a Facebook message to an agency, so I tried messaging the Sanitation Department on Saturday night. Now on Monday, I still haven't gotten a response from them. I did provide the location, so it is possible they just went ahead and put in a request for removal and haven't gotten around to letting me know what they did. I haven't checked yet today, but as of yesterday (Sunday) afternoon, the bag of urine was still where I first discovered it - the south side of the 23700 block of Roscoe Blvd., between March Ave. and Valley Circle Blvd., across the street from the Carousel Dance Studio.

Thank you for whatever you can do, to get this biohazard removed. I am concerned that the bag will somehow get broken and urine will spill all over the sidewalk and into the gutter. (I'll bet you don't have this problem to deal with too often!)

Heidi Manning